


REMARKS

This responds to Examiner rejecting claims 37-39, 41-43, 52-54 and 56-58 as

5 being anticipated by Hollenberg (US.6091956) under 35.USC.102e; claims 40, 44, 55 and 59 as being unpatentable over Hollenberg in view of Joao (US.6047270) under 35.USC.103a; claims 45 and 60 as being unpatentable over Hollenberg in view of McGregor (US.6243574 B1) under 35.USC.103a; claims 46 and 61 as being unpatentable over Hollenberg in view of Rudrapatna (US.6052598) under 35.USC.103a; claims 47-49
10 and 62-64 over Hollenberg in view of Kennedy (US.6301480) under 35.USC.103a; claims 50 and 56 as being unpatentable over Hollenberg in view of Uppaluru (US.5915001) under 35.USC.103a; and claims 51 and 66 as being unpatentable over Hollenberg in view of Almeida (US.6356758).

Thus to distinguish patentably over cited references, Applicants amend both
15 independent claims 37 and 52 to specify among other things "...wherein the communication module is provided in layered or hierarchical arrangement, such that a first-level functionality is provided by a database and an object movement module, and a next-level functionality is provided by the communication module and a security module." Support appears in Specification page 14, lines 11-22. It is respectfully submitted that
20 claims are in condition for allowance.

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